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SHREVE ENCOURAGES SUPPORT FOR MARYLAND – DOE HARVEST CHALLENGE TO HELP FEED THOSE STRUGGLING WITH HUNGER

FREDERICK, MD – Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) has announced the 2013 Maryland - Doe Harvest Challenge. According to Commissioner Billy Shreve of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners, the Doe Harvest Challenge has expanded statewide this season and will involve all meat processors participating with FHFH in Maryland.

Hunters are invited to complete a Doe Harvest Challenge entry card for every doe donated to FHFH this season. "By harvesting deer, we can we can help feed the hungry, ease crop damage losses for farmers, and keep deer off the road and feeding people," stated Commissioner Billy Shreve. Participating hunters have a chance to win one of over 60 Bass Pro Shops gift cards that will be awarded by random drawing after the season.

Participation is free and unlimited. Harvested deer can be donated at no charge to hunters at participating processors. In Frederick County these processors are Clint's Cuts (5070 Old Bartholows Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771; 301-865-5120) and Shuff's Meat Market (12247 Baugher Road, Thurmont, MD 21788; 301-271-2231). Simply drop off the deer at no charge to the hunter and they will process and distribute the deer donation to needy families for free.

Last season generous hunters of Maryland donated 3,105 deer to FHFH, providing over 600,000 meals of venison to food banks, soup kitchens and churches across the state. Commissioner Shreve commented, "We encourage hunters this season to participate in the Doe Harvest Challenge because their strong support will add to those donation numbers and help feed thousands of individuals and families struggling with hunger. We wish for all to have a safe and successful hunting season and to remember that one deer can feed over 200 people."

The Doe Harvest Challenge is sponsored by the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board, the Maryland Soybean Board, the Maryland Farm Bureau and Bass Pro Shops of Hanover.

For more details on the Doe Harvest Challenge, contact FHFH at 866-438-3434 or visit www.fhfh.org